# IF YOU ARE A CONTRACTOR OR EXCAVATOR



### !! CALL BEFORE YOU DIG !! DIAL 811

(Can also dial 1-800-282-7411)

It's the Law: Anyone in the State of Georgia who is planning to dig must call the Georgia Utilities Protection Center (UPC) for a dig ticket and wait two full business days to allow owners of underground utilities to locate their lines.

BEWARE: Excavators, diggers and graders cause are the most frequent cause of underground pipeline damage. Prior to any digging, clearing or landscaping, you must call the Georgia Underground Protection Center so that all underground lines within your proposed work area can be located.

#### PROCEDURES FOR SAFE EXCAVATION

Mark: Dig sites should be clearly located by description and marked with white paint or flags.

Call Before You Dig: Call the Georgia One-Call center by dialing 811 and provide them with the following information:

- Name, area code, phone number, address, city, county and nearest cross streets.
- Type of work to be done and how long it will take.
- Date and start time digging is scheduled to begin.
- Contractor/contact person and phone number.
- Where on the property you want marking done.
- Specific directions to your job site

Wait: Allow two (2) full working days prior to digging. Your dig ticket will specify the allowed starting date.

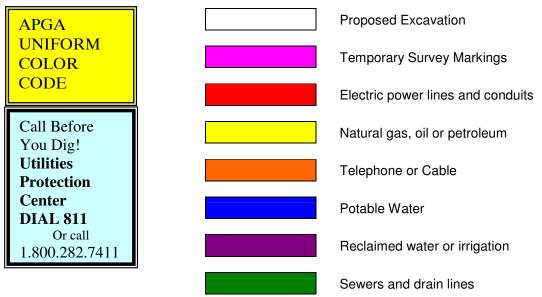
Check: Click on the following link to confirm that all locators have responded to your ticket: Georgia UPC | Positive Response

Maintain the Marks: Keep the marks intact where possible and call the One-Call center if the lines need to be re-marked.

Dig with Care: Hand excavate within 24 inches of each side of the lines.

How will the underground lines be marked?

Color coded markings and/or flags will be used to mark the approximate locations of any underground lines. You should not do any digging within two (2) feet on either side of the markings. The color coding for utilities is shown in the chart below.



For more information about digging near underground lines, please click on the following link: Georgia Utilities Protection Center

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU DISTURB A PIPELINE

If you hit or contact a pipeline in any way, immediately notify the City of Warner Robins Gas Department at 1-478-929-1903 and leave the excavation open for inspection. Any scrapes, scratches, dents, creases or other damage to the protective coating on the pipeline can cause a disruption to the corrosion protection system which could produce a future pipeline failure. It is imperative that the City of Warner Robins inspects and repairs any damage to our pipeline system, no matter how minor the damage may seem.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR EQUIPMENT DAMAGES A PIPELINE OR YOU SUSPECT A PIPELINE LEAK

- 1. Leave the excavation open and immediately leave the area
- 2. Warn others to stay away.
- 3. Call 911
  - !! **DO NOT** turn off engines or generators
  - !! **DO NOT** try to move your equipment
  - !! DO NOT attempt to operate any gas pipeline valves
  - !! DO NOT attempt to stop the flow of gas